

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions , and listings, of claims in the application.

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Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of conducting an international transaction in goods between a buyer having a destination location for the goods and a seller of the goods having a selling location for the goods, comprising:

identifying a source country for the seller's goods and a buying country for the buyer's destination for the goods;

querying a shipping module to calculate a total shipping cost for shipping the goods along a shipping rout ~~to the~~ at a service level;

querying a brokering module to calculate a total brokering cost for brokering the goods along the shipping rout;

querying a tax module to calculate a total tax cost for the sale and transportation of the goods;

providing a total cost to the buyer, the total cost including a sale price, the total shipping cost, the total brokering cost and the total tax cost;

receiving authorization to conduct the transaction;

transmitting shipping instructions to a carrier; and

transmitting customs invoice information to a customs broker.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, and further comprising transmitting manufacture instructions upon receiving authorization to conduct the transaction.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting ~~the~~ shipping instructions includes ~~reciting~~ transmitting the total shipping cost, calculated in the step of querying a database of shipping information, to the carrier.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting [a] customs invoice information includes ~~reciting~~ transmitting the total brokering cost calculated in the step of querying a database of brokering information, to the broker.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, and further comprising:
receiving and tracking status updates regarding the status of the goods in transport
to the buyer; and
providing status reports summarizing the received status updates in response to
5 status requests received regarding the status of the goods.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorization to conduct the
transaction is received from the buyer after the step of providing a total cost to the buyer.

10 7. (original) The method of claim 6, and further comprising:
querying transaction restriction modules to identify any national restrictions that
would make the transaction illegal; and
notifying all parties that the transaction can not be completed if any national
restrictions making the transaction illegal are identified.

15 8. (original) The method of claim 7, and further comprising transmitting messages to
relevant legal compliance modules configured to track legal compliance information for
subsequent reporting to relevant national governments.

20 9. (original) The method of claim 8, and further comprising transmitting an
authorization to bill to a billing module upon receipt of a proof of delivery.

10. (withdrawn) A method of conducting an international transaction in goods between a buyer having a destination location for the goods and a seller of the goods having a manufacturing location for the goods, comprising:

Q4 5 identifying a source country for the seller's goods and a buying country for the buyer's destination for the goods;

querying a procurement module to solicit bids from suppliers for and contract manufacturers for the manufacture of the goods;

querying a shipping module to calculate a total shipping cost for all shipping necessary to manufacture and deliver the goods along a shipping rout;

10 querying a brokering module to calculate a total brokering cost for brokering the goods during shipment;

querying a tax module to calculate a total tax cost for the sale and transportation of the goods;

15 providing a total cost to the buyer, the total cost including a sale price, the total shipping cost, the total brokering cost and the total tax cost;

receiving authorization to conduct the transaction.

11. (new) The method of claim 1, and further comprising:

identifying a plurality of shipping routes and service levels to ship the goods to the destination location, the plurality of routes and service levels including the first shipping route at the first shipping route service level;

5 wherein the step of querying the shipping module includes querying to calculate a total shipping cost for shipping the goods along each identified shipping route and service level of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels;

10 wherein the step of querying a brokering module includes querying to calculate a total brokering cost for brokering the goods along each identified shipping route and service level of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels;

15 wherein the step of querying a tax module includes querying to calculate a total tax cost for the sale and transportation of the goods along each identified shipping route and service level of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels;

20 wherein the step of providing a total cost to the buyer includes providing total costs, including a sale price, the total shipping cost, the total brokering cost and the total tax cost, for shipping via one or more shipping routes and service levels of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels; and

25 wherein the step of receiving authorization to conduct the transaction includes receiving a selection of shipping route and service level from among of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels.

12. (new) The method of claim 11, and further comprising:

25 querying a service module to determine the existence of transaction-based restrictions that are applicable to each shipping route and service level of the plurality of shipping routes and service levels; and

excluding from the one or more shipping routes and service levels each shipping route and service level determined to have transaction-based restrictions.

30 13. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of excluding occurs subsequent to the steps of querying a shipping module, querying a brokering module, and querying a tax module.

14. (new) The method of claim 11, and further comprising:

querying a service module to determine the existence of national-based restrictions on the goods that are applicable to each shipping rout and service level of the plurality of shipping routs and service levels; and

excluding from the one or more shipping routs and service levels each shipping rout and service level determined to have national-based restrictions.

15. (new) The method of claim 11, and further comprising:

querying a service module to determine the existence of required export licenses, for the goods, that are applicable to each shipping rout and service level of the plurality of shipping routs and service levels; and

excluding from the one or more shipping routs and service levels each shipping rout and service level determined to lack the proper export licences.